

## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

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F. No. RW/NH-35072/04/2004-S&R (R)(Pt.)

Dated: the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

To.

- 1. The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/ UTs
- 2. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of all States/ UTs, Public Works Department dealing with National Highways, other centrally sponsored schemes.
- 3. All Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Department of States/ UTs dealing with National Highways, other centrally sponsored schemes.
- 4. The Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road, New Delhi-110 010.
- 5. The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, G-5 & 6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110 075.
- 6. The Managing Director, NHIDCL, PTI Building, 4, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
- 7. Director, Indian Academy of Highway Engineers, Institutional Area, Sector-62, NOIDA.

## Subject: Road Safety Engineering Measures

The Government of India is deeply concerned about the growth in the number of road accidents, injuries and fatalities in recent years. The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, in its endeavor to bring about a reduction in the mortality and morbidity resulting from accidents on National Highways, has been regularly issuing directives to all concerned for effective implementation of road safety measures on the National Highways.

2. The Ministry vide Circular number RW/NH-35072/04/2004-S&R(R) dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 (copy enclosed herewith for ready reference) had directed the implementing agencies for taking various engineering measures for ensuring road safety on the National Highways built so far, those being upgraded and the ones being planned and designed. Besides, the Ministry has also assigned at least 10% amount of the Annual Plan in each State for sanction of works related to Road Safety, such as improvement of black spots, accident prone locations, provision of service roads, improvement of junctions, road signages, provision of crash barriers etc. However, no tangible reduction in the number of accidents on the National Highways have been reported to the Ministry. In addition to these measures, the Indian Road Congress (IRC) has formulated guidelines in IRC:SP:88- "Road Safety Audit Manual" which prescribe safety audit on roads during planning, construction, operation and maintenance stages. Besides, Ministry has also decided to convert all Rail level crossings into RQBs and RUBs in order to avoid accidents at

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level crossings. It is emphasized that regardless of jurisdictions, the Central and State-Governments have a joint responsibility in reducing the incidence of accidents, injuries and fatalities on roads in the country.

3. It is important to ensure compliance through 4Es i.e. engineering, enforcement, education and emergency. Accordingly, it is reiterated that the engineering measures prescribed vide above referred Ministry's Circular dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 should be invariably enforced during preparation of DPRs, implementation and operation stages for ensuring long term road safety on the National Highways. All road construction agencies must confirm that road safety Audit of planning and design stage has been undertaken.

4. The contents of this Circular may be brought to the notice of all concerned in your organization.

5. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: As above

Asst. Executive Engineer (S, R&T) (Roads) For Director General (Road Development) & SS

Copy to:

- 1. All Technical Officers in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
- 2. All ROs and ELOs of the Ministry
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- 4. Technical circular file of S&R (R) Section
- 5. NIC-for uploading on Ministry's website under "What's new"

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